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threads sized and shaped to be threadably mated with the threaded surfaces of the implant arms;

b) a break-off driving head having a first cross section associated therewith perpendicular to the axis of rotation; said driving head adapted to rotate and torque said body in said implant until a preselected torque occurs at which time said break-off head breaks from said body; and

c) a removal head external of said body and having a polyhedral shape with radially outward facing engagement surfaces adapted to engage a removal tool; said removal head located between said driving head and said body; said removal head having a second cross section associated therewith perpendicular to the axis of rotation with said second cross section being different from said first cross section.

5. A medical implant system comprising:

a) an open headed medical implant having a head formed by a pair of spaced interiorly threaded arms defining a channel therebetween sized and shaped to receive a rod member; and;

b) a closure member including:

i) a body having an axis of rotation and a threaded cylindrical shaped radially outward surface with threads sized and shaped to be threadably mated with said threaded arms;

ii) a driving head having a first cross section associated therewith perpendicular to the axis of rotation; said driving head operably allowing a user to rotate and torque said body until a preselected torque occurs whereat said driving head breaks from said body; and

iii) a removal head located external of said body and between said body and said driving head; said removal head having a radially outward facing surface sized and shaped to engage a removal tool; said removal head having a second cross section associated therewith perpendicular to the axis of rotation with said second cross section being different in comparison to said first cross section.

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9. A closure for use in conjunction with an open headed

medical implant having a pair of interiorly threaded arms forming a channel therebetween for receiving the closure; said closure closing said channel upon being received between said arms; said closure comprising:

a) a cylindrical shaped body with a radial outward threaded surface sized and shaped to be threadably received between the arms of the implant; said body having an axis of rotation;

b) a driving head axially aligned with and attached to said body and having a first gripable outer surface; said driving head operably rotating and torquing said body and breaking from said body at a preselected torque; and

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c) a removal head axially aligned with and attached to said body for removing said body from the implant; said removal head being located external of said body and between said body and said driving head; said removal head having a second gripable radially outward facing outer surface; said first and second gripable outer surface being different in configuration so as to prevent a tool used with said first surface from also accidentally gripping said second surface.

The following are the amended claims noted above in a marked format indicating additions by underlining and deletions by bracketing:

1. (Twice Amended) A closure for use in conjunction with a medical implant that is sized and shaped to operably close a channel between two spaced arms with each of said arms having an inward threaded surface; said closure comprising:

a) a body having an axis of rotation and a threaded cylindrical shaped radially outward surface with threads sized and shaped to be threadably mated with the threaded surfaces of the implant arms;

b) a break-off driving head having a first cross section associated therewith perpendicular to the axis of rotation; said driving head adapted to rotate and torque said body in said implant until a preselected torque occurs at which time said break-off head breaks from said body; and

c) a removal head external of said body and <u>having a polyhedral shape with radially outward facing engagement surfaces adapted to engage a removal tool; said removal head</u> located between said driving head

and said body; said removal head having a second cross section associated therewith perpendicular to the axis of rotation with said second cross section being different from said first cross section.

5. (Twice Amended) A medical implant system comprising:

a) an open headed medical implant having a head formed by a pair of spaced interiorly threaded arms defining a channel therebetween sized and shaped to receive a rod member; and;

b) a closure member including:

i) a body having an axis of rotation and a threaded cylindrical shaped radially outward surface with threads sized and shaped to be threadably mated with said threaded arms;

ii) a driving head having a first cross section associated therewith perpendicular to the axis of rotation; said driving head operably allowing a user to rotate and torque said body until a preselected torque occurs whereat said driving head breaks from said body; and

iii) a removal head located external of said body and between said body and said driving head; <u>said removal head having a radially outward facing</u>

surface sized and shaped to engage a removal tool; said removal head having a second cross section associated therewith perpendicular to the axis of rotation with said second cross section being different in comparison to said first cross section.

9. (Twice Amended) A closure for use in conjunction with an open headed medical implant having a pair of interiorly threaded arms forming a channel therebetween for receiving the closure; said closure closing said channel upon being received between said arms; said closure comprising:

a) a cylindrical shaped body with a radial outward threaded surface sized and shaped to be threadably received between the arms of the implant; said body having an axis of rotation;

b) a driving head axially aligned with and attached to said body and having a first gripable outer surface; said driving head operably rotating and torquing said body and breaking from said body at a preselected torque; and

c) a removal head axially aligned with and attached to